

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
YOSHIBA *et al.*)
Application Number: To Be Assigned)
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
For: TRANSGENIC RICE PLANT AND ITS FAMILY WITH)
ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS RESISTANT BY PROLINE)
ACCUMULATION OF HIGH LEVEL AND ITS)
PRODUCTION)

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to remove multiple dependencies contained therein in accordance with standard U.S. practice, thereby reducing the basic filing fee. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the claims currently on file with the following amended claims:

10. (Amended) The rice plant according to claim 1, wherein said rice plant is rice.
11. (Amended) A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to claim 1.
12. (Amended) A seed of the rice plant according to claim 1, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice

Please add the following new claims.

16. The rice plant according to claim 2, wherein said rice plant is rice.
17. The rice plant according to claim 3, wherein said rice plant is rice.
18. The rice plant according to claim 4, wherein said rice plant is rice.
19. The rice plant according to claim 5, wherein said rice plant is rice.
20. The rice plant according to claim 6, wherein said rice plant is rice.
21. The rice plant according to claim 7, wherein said rice plant is rice.
22. The rice plant according to claim 8, wherein said rice plant is rice.
23. The rice plant according to claim 9, wherein said rice plant is rice.
24. A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to claim 2.
25. A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to claim 3.
26. A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to claim 4.
27. A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to claim 5.
28. A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to claim 6.
29. A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to claim 7.
30. A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to claim 8.

31. A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to claim 9.
32. A seed of the rice plant according to claim 2, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice.
33. A seed of the rice plant according to claim 3, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice.
34. A seed of the rice plant according to claim 4, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice.
35. A seed of the rice plant according to claim 5, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice.
36. A seed of the rice plant according to claim 6, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice.
37. A seed of the rice plant according to claim 7, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice.
38. A seed of the rice plant according to claim 8, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice.
39. A seed of the rice plant according to claim 9, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice.

REMARKS

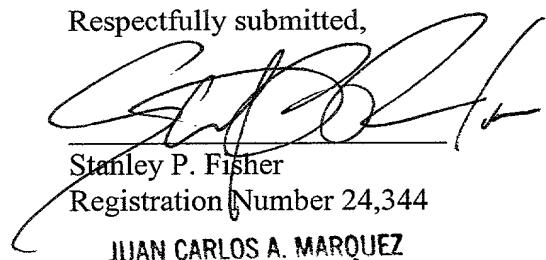
Applicant has amended claim 10, and added claims 16 through 23, amended claim 11 and added claims 24 through 31, and amended claim 12 and added claims 32-39.

Applicant has amended the claims in order to remove multiple dependencies contained

therein in accordance with standard U.S. practice, thereby reducing the basic filing fee. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

In view of the above amendments and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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10. The rice plant according to ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein said rice plant is rice.
11. A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~.
12. A seed of the rice plant according to ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice